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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Once Amended) A CATV conditional access system comprising:
- a plurality of analog head ends for distributing picture signals of analog programs and picture signals of transmitted digital programs to terminals provided in a plurality of areas; and
- a digital head end for transmitting the picture signals of the digital programs to the plurality of analog head ends,
- wherein said digital head end transmits to the terminals within the areas, data containing both an area code used to recognize the area to which each terminal belongs, and a channel